

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting October 14, 2009

Date

Prepared: September 29, 2009

Subject: Amendment to the Minneapolis Urban Partnership Agreement
Subrecipient Grant Agreement

Proposed Action:

Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Subrecipient Grant Agreement with the City of Minneapolis for the Marquette and Second Avenues shelters and Central Avenue transit signal priority as identified in the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) between the Council and US Department of Transportation (USDOT) in the total amount of \$1,937,128.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Council member Meeks asked if the real-time signs would be integrated with the shelters. Staff responded that the real-time signs would not be integrated with the shelters but rather would be adjacent to the shelters.

Motion to approve was made by Council member Beach and seconded by Council member Leppik. The motion was passed on a unanimous voice vote of 6 to 0.



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Meeting date: September 28, 2009

Metropolitan Council meeting: October 14, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 23, 2009
Subject:	Amendment to the Minneapolis Urban Partnership Agreement Subrecipient Grant Agreement
District(s), Member(s):	District 7, Councilmember Annette Meeks
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.129 and 473.405 FTA Master Agreement (http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/14-Master.pdf)
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Engineering & Facilities

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Background

On January 9, 2008, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a subrecipient grant agreement with the City of Minneapolis for the Marquette and Second Avenues dual contraflow bus lanes identified in our UPA with USDOT. On June 8, 2008, the subrecipient grant agreement was executed by both parties.

The shelters on Marquette and Second Avenues are required as an element of our UPA. A decision as to agency responsibility (Metro Transit or Minneapolis) was only recently determined because the city had been contemplating a "Street Furniture" initiative. The city has determined not to proceed with the street furniture program at this time. The shelters may become part of a future program.

The implementation of transit signal priority on Central Avenue requires the installation of equipment on Minneapolis signal controllers. Significant Minneapolis staff time will be required for providing proper oversight during installation to ensure that their signal controllers are not compromised.

Rationale

FTA requires amendments to subrecipient grant agreements for term, scope or budget changes. Council approval is required for amendments impacting scope or budget.

Funding

Funding consists of federal UPA grant funds matched by state and local funds from Project 63740. Up to \$1,900,000 in funds will be made available to the City for shelter fabrication and installation. Up to \$37,128 in funds will be made available to the City for transit signal priority installation oversight.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of Minneapolis has expressed support for this amendment.